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1. At about 8:30 a.m. on 16 November 1950, 34 T-34 tanks, and three SP guns were observed leaving the Altes Lager in Doeberitz (N 53° Z 65) through the Rohbeck gate. A soldier sat on each tank holding two red flags. The column of armored vehicles, at close interval, moved to the troop training grounds. At about 9 a.m. another column of 26 T-34 tanks followed, each tank carrying a soldier with two red flags. About 45 minutes later, two columns of six artillery pieces each, towed by semi-armored trucks

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left the southern gate of Altes Lager and proceeded to the troop training grounds. The caliber of the guns was estimated at 120 to 150 mm. Each truck carried six to eight soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia.

2. Units which left Altes Lager through the southern gate at about 10 a.m. included a unit of five officers and 34 EM, another unit of four officers and 36 EM, a third unit of four officers and 52 EM, and a fourth unit of three officers and 52 EM. Three officers walked behind the last unit. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia and carried submachine guns or carbines, field bags, field spades, and folded blankets slung across their shoulders. Ten to 15 soldiers of each platoon carried three hand grenades in their belts. The units marched to the troop training grounds. The noise heard from there after 10 a.m. indicated that firing practice with live ammunition was held there. *

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* Comment. According to periodic reports, Altes Lager of Doeberitz is occupied by tank and artillery components of the 1st Mecz Div. As usually, the units held their field training at the troop training grounds.

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